

Section b.) Amendments to the Claims.

The text of all claims under examination is shown below in the listing. Claims being amended in this paper include markings indicating changes that have been made relative to the prior version.

These changes are shown by strikethrough for deleted matter and underlining for added matter.

No accompanying clean version is supplied. The text of pending claims not being currently amended that are under examination are shown in clean version in the listing. Cancelled claims are indicated merely by their status without the text.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): In a method for adhering a prosthesis to a human or animal body with an adhesive device, the improvement comprising the use of an adhesive device comprising:

a carrier sheet, said carrier sheet having at least two surfaces;

on one surface of the carrier sheet is a first, continuous layer of a silicone gel having a density in the range of about 100 to 4500 g/m²; said gel having sufficient tack to adhere to the prosthesis; and

on a second surface of the carrier sheet is a second continuous layer of a silicone gel having a density in the range of about 100 to 4500 g/m², said gel having sufficient tack to adhere to the human or animal body; and wherein the first and second continuous layers of silicone gel are formed by the reaction of a silicone having Si-H groups with a silicone having Si-aliphatically unsaturated groups in the presence of a platinum or rhodium catalyst.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1 in which the carrier sheet is non-woven and continuous and is made from a material selected from the group consisting of polysaccharide based materials, polyethylene, polyamide, polyurethane, nylon, polyester, polypropylene, polytetrafluoroethylene, and silicone.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1 in which the carrier sheet has a density of about 5 to 150 g/m² and a thickness in the range of about 0.01 to about 1 mm.

Claim 4 (canceled):

Claim 5 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1 in which the first and second continuous layers of silicone gel have a thickness in the range of about 0.2 to 5 mm.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1 in which the first and second continuous layers of silicone gel are covered by release liners.

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (currently amended): A prosthesis having an adhesive device for adhering it to a human or animal body comprising:

a prosthesis having a surface to be adhered to a human or animal body; and
on the surface of the prosthesis to be adhered to the human or animal body, an adhesive device comprising:

a carrier sheet, said carrier sheet having at least two surfaces;
on one surface of the carrier sheet is a first, continuous layer of a silicone gel having a density in the range of about 100 to 4500 g/m²; said gel having sufficient tack to adhere to the prosthesis; and

on a second surface of the carrier sheet is a second continuous layer of a silicone gel having a density in the range of about 100 to 4500 g/m², said gel having sufficient tack to adhere to the human or animal body,

wherein the first continuous layer of silicone gel of the adhesive device is adhered to the surface of the prosthesis to be adhered to a human or animal body; and wherein the first and second continuous layers of silicone gel are formed by the reaction of a silicone having

Si-H groups with a silicone having Si-aliphatically unsaturated groups in the presence of a platinum or rhodium catalyst.

Claim 9 (canceled):

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method for adhering a prosthesis to a human or an animal body comprising:

positioning an adhesive device between the prosthesis and the human or animal body; and

compressing the adhesive device between the prosthesis and the human or animal body,

wherein the adhesive device comprises:

a carrier sheet, said carrier sheet having at least two surfaces;

on one surface of the carrier sheet is a first, continuous layer of a silicone gel having a density in the range of about 100 to 4500 g/m²; said gel having sufficient tack to adhere to the prosthesis; and

on a second surface of the carrier sheet is a second continuous layer of a silicone gel having a density in the range of about 100 to 4500 g/m², said gel having sufficient tack to adhere to the human or animal body; and wherein the first and second continuous layers of silicone gel are formed by the reaction of a silicone having Si-H groups with a silicone having Si-aliphatically unsaturated groups in the presence of a platinum or rhodium catalyst.